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SUBJECT: CIVAIR--BILATERAL RELATIONS

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 4529

1. WISH TO INFORM DEPARTMENT LOCAL PANAM REP HAS RECEIVED COPY COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED BY AEROLINEAS TO PANAM INFORMING LATTER THAT BECAUSE OF LABOR DIFFICULTIES IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY OR POSSIBLE FOR AEROLINEAS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOEING AND PANAM FOR 747 AIRCRAFT.

2. PANAM REP STATES HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM HIS SOURCES THAT AEROLINEAS IS DENYING, AT LEAST FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD, APPLICATIONS FOREIGN AIRLINES TO INITIATE WIDEBODIED SERVICE TO ARGENTINA. REPORTEDLY, THIS HAS TWO NOTEWORTHY EXCEPTIONS. ALITALIA AND IBERIA WILL PROCEED TO INITIATE SUCH SERVICE WHICH CANNOT BE DENIED BY ARGENTINES BECAUSE OF NATURE OF AIR AGREEMENTS WITH ITALY AND SPAIN.

3. ABOVE FACTORS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DRAFTING INSTRUCTION FOR THIS POST WHICH REFTEL ANTICIPATES.

4. LOCALLY, PANAM HAS GIVEN EMBASSY COPY OF PANAM COMMUNICATION TO DNTAC DATED JUNE 5 REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR 12 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLIGHTS, SIX BACK-TO-BACK CHARTERS BEGINNING JULY 23 AND TERMI-

NATING JANUARY 24, 1975. DNTAC HAS NOT RESPONDED IN ANY WAY TO PANAM'S REQUEST AS OF JUNE 21. A JUNIOR-RANKING EMPLOYEE OF DNTAC HAS GIVEN PANAM TO UNDERSTAND ITS REQUEST IS NOT RECEIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. PANAM HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM TRAVEL AGENT THAT AEROLINEAS IS STARTING GROUP OF 8 FLIGHTS, FOUR BACK-TO-BACK CHARTERS BETWEEN BA AND LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 22. LAST FLIGHT OF THIS SERIES TERMINATES SEPTEMBER 14. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE REGULAR CHARTER FLIGHTS OR BLOCK-OFF CHARTERS. THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WAS NOT SPECIFIED. THE TRAVEL AGENT ALSO REPORTED HE HAS REQUESTED OF AEROLINEAS 8 ADDITIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 4 AND TERMINATING JANUARY 29 WHICH AEROLINEAS HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

5. WHILE EMBASSY DOES AND WOULD ALWAYS FEEL AUTHORIZED TO MENTION DELAYS OF MAGNITUDE, THIS CASE, IN DNTAC CONSIDERATION US AIRLINES' CHARTER REQUESTS WHEN DISCUSSING CIVIL AIR MATTERS WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, WE BELIEVE OUR HAND WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF DEPARTMENT ALSO SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED OR INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO PROTEST EXTENDED DELAY IN PRESENT PANAM CASE.
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